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SUBJECT: APPEARANCE BEFORE SC BY CHIEF KAPUUNO

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THAT WE SUPPORT BID BY NAMIBIAN CHIEF KLEMENS KAPUUNO, CENTRAL FIGURE IN WINDHOEK CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, TO SPEAK BEFORE UPCOMING SC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA. WE TOLD BRITISH THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE UKUN CONTACT USUN WITH THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DISCREET SOUNDINGS AMONG AFRICANS TO SEE IF KAPUUNO'S RIGHT TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL WOULD BE CHALLENGED. IF AFRICANS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CHALLENGE KAPUUNO, BRITISH WOULD SO INFORM KAPUUNO AND ADVISE THAT HE DROP HIS PLANS TO SPEAK.

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2. AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
THAT MISSION AT APPROPRIATE POINT SHOULD COORDINATE
TACTICS WITH BRITISH AND AFRICANS TO DEVISE FORMULA WHICH
WOULDALLOWKAPUUO AND OTHER NAMIBIAN POLITICAL OR ETHNIC
LEADERS OF GROUPS WHO DESIRE TO SPEAK IN SC. YOU SHOULD
TRY TO AVOID IDENTIFYING US AS SUPPORTER OF KAPUUO AND
STRESS OUR DESIRE TO HAVE COUNCIL HEAR ALL NAMIBIANS
WHO WISH TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY. EAGLEBURGER

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